



ALEXANDRIA.

THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 26.

TIMOTHY F. LEE, the Washington bar-keeper who, for changing his politics and making speeches for General Mahone in this State last fall, was appointed an immigrant inspector, and assigned to duty in South Carolina, where no immigrant ever lands, reports to the Treasury Department that the "laws of South Carolina are outrageously one-sided and oppressive to the poor negro." Mr. Lee had lived in North Carolina, and had been in South Carolina often before, but never before had he made the discovery that the laws of the latter State are oppressive to the negroes thereof. The effect of the change from democracy to republicanism has upon a man's power of discovery is remarkable. General Mahone never discovered that the negroes of Virginia were bulldozed and cheated at elections until he became a republican.

IF the old saw, "a green Christmas makes a fat churchyard," were true, the undertakers could soon retire on large fortunes, for dandelions were plucked in the fields yesterday, roses were blooming in the gardens and the vines on southern exposures have not yet lost their green leaves. But, fortunately, the old saw referred to, like most all others, is not true. Indeed it is the very reverse of true, and is demonstrated to be so by common sense, by science, and by experience. Most of the deaths of winter result from low temperature; consequently the shorter the duration of cold weather the less the number of deaths. And then, too, carefully prepared statistics show that the death rate is always considerably lower in mild than in cold weather.

MANY a Christmas dinner was interfered with or spoiled yesterday by the culpable and inexcusable delay of the Adams Express Company in delivering Christmas boxes to those to whom they were directed. It is no excuse to say that the force at the express office was not large enough to deliver immediately the greatly increased number of packages. As such an increase was only what might have been expected, it should have been provided for, and the few additional men and wagons the services of which would have prevented all the loss and inconvenience, could have been obtained without any trouble.

SENATOR INGALLS says he doesn't think either ex-Union soldiers or their children should be required to pass civil service examinations as a prerequisite to appointment to office. Few men who take practical views of things think that the passing of such examinations as those referred to should be a prerequisite to the appointment of anybody to office. But as the asserted object of such examinations is the attainment of better civil service, why ex-Union soldiers and their children should be exempted, from them, no consistent and logical civil service reformer can tell.

CHRISTMAS seems to have been observed in this country more generally than ever before, the puritanical disregard of it that once existed in some sections and by some people having apparently yielded to the more genial influences incident to the day. It is well that this should be so, for the more general the holiday, the greater the happiness, that is if it be observed properly. Those who did so yesterday are better to day; those who did not, have suffered according to the degree of their foolishness.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Correspondence of the Alex. Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26, 1899. Christmas was more generally observed here yesterday than ever before, but also very quietly, that is, so far as could be judged by the appearance of the streets, which was like that of Sundays. The facts, however, that most every body seen here to day seems to be affected by languor and drowsiness, that cold water is the prevalent drink, and that one hundred and eighty cases were at the police court this morning, proves that Christmas entered the bones of a large number of the people of this city. The drunks and disorderlies at the police court, even though so many failed to appear by forfeiting their collateral, were so numerous that they filled the whole space of the court room, to the entire exclusion of the lawyers.

A member of the House civil service committee says that committee will report favorably upon the resolution for investigating the work of the civil service commission. As a majority of the members of this committee are great civil service reformers, it is only reasonable to suppose that the result of the investigation will be a report to the effect that civil service reform, at least under the Harrison regime, is a grand and signal success!

Notwithstanding the slighting way in which the republican Senators talk privately of President Harrison, it is believed that few or none of them will dare to oppose the confirmation of his nominations. All the appointments have not yet been made, and as each of the republican Senators hopes to get something more, they are not going to render that hope fruitless by opposing the man who will make them.

An old and well known "parliamentary solicitor" here, says that from what he can learn, this is to be a business session of Congress, and that unless the two parties get by the ears on partisan and sectional matters he thinks a good deal of business will be transacted, in the way, for instance, of subsidies. He says the direct tax bill, which was vetoed by Mr. Cleveland, will be reported early in both houses, and that the argument of Mr. J. R. Tucker against that veto will, he thinks, remove all the little opposition that remained to the bill in either branch of Congress.

Mrs. General George H. Thomas died here this morning. Her remains will be

taken to Troy, New York, where they will be buried beside those of her husband.

But few Virginia republicans are now in the city. They were quite numerous here last week, looking for offices, but hearing that few or no more appointments would be made until after the holidays, nearly all of them went home, and will probably not return until Monday week.

The following is the only change made in the 4th class postoffice in Virginia to-day: Crittenden's, Nansemond county, T. W. Kay appointed postmaster vice H. L. Gray, removed.

All the Virginia members of the House except Mr. O'Ferrall went home for the holidays. Many members from other and more distant States remained here. Of the republicans among the latter there is hardly one, no matter how they may talk in public, who privately does not speak in the most slighting terms of the President and of his ridiculous assumptions of wisdom, superciliousness and purity.

One of the acknowledged democratic leaders in Congress to-day in a talk with the GAZETTE's correspondent, said that so far the democrats in that body had determined upon no course except to oppose to the utmost limits allowed by the Constitution and parliamentary law every attempt of the small republican majority to override the rights and privileges of the large democratic minority. On all other matters, he said, they were playing a "waiting game"—waiting to see what the republicans were going to do.

Intelligence was received at the State Department this morning of the death of Robt. J. Stevens, U. S. consul at Victoria, British Columbia. Mr. Stevens was for a long time clerk of the House committee on appropriations.

Major Hines has not yet printed his report of the surveys of Mt. Vernon Avenue, but will probably do so some time toward the close of next week. He says none of the numerous projects for roads in Alexandria and Fairfax counties will, or can, interfere with or militate against the avenue referred to.

Mr. Clements, Commonwealth's Attorney for Alexandria county, was here to-day. He says there will be a new assessment of the value of property in that county next year, and that he believes it will show an increase of at least half a million.

The President did not go to church yesterday, but spent the day in talking with his venerable father-in-law and in playing with his two youthful grand children.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Czar is having a serious attack of influenza.

Fire yesterday destroyed property valued at \$100,000 in Vicksburg, Miss.

The old man-of-war Minnesota has been given for State naval militia uses to New York.

C. A. Dixon & Co., clothiers and furnishers, of Charlotte, N. C., have made an assignment. The liabilities are nearly \$25,000.

The statement that the Washburn flouring mills of Minneapolis had been sold is contradicted.

Edward J. Phelps, ex minister to England, is to resume his connection with the Yale Law School.

Mr. Annibal Price, the new Haytian minister to the United States, was presented to the President on Monday.

The National Jockey Club of Washington will hold no more races, and its grounds and buildings are to be sold.

Scarlet fever and diphtheria are raging in Campbell county, South Dakota, twenty-eight cases having resulted fatally.

General Benjamin F. Butler is named as a candidate for department commander of the Grand Army of Massachusetts for the year 1899.

The steamship Amsterdam at New York yesterday experienced terrific gales and an electric storm at sea and narrowly escaped being wrecked.

On Tuesday W. Ford, of Ottawa, Ont., killed his wife, attempted to murder his daughter and sister-in-law, then fired the house and cut his throat.

Madame Bonnemai, an enthusiastic supporter of General Boulanger, has just inherited \$1,500,000, the bulk of which she will devote to the General's cause.

Many of the most intelligent and thrifty colored men in Washington are favorably inclined to Senator Butler's proposition to assist the negroes to emigrate to the Western States.

Karl Kunst, the son of the president of the Camden system of railroads, accidentally wounded an infant child of Henry Davis, at Weston, W. Va., yesterday, while cleaning a revolver.

Ex-Gov. Cornell is quoted as saying that work on the Grant monument at Riverside Park, New York, will begin next spring, and that "the association will spend one million dollars."

At Larchmont, Iowa, Tuesday, Dr. Abel Moore during a fit of jealousy shot his wife, walked to a looking glass and, taking a physician's lance, severed his jugular vein, dying almost instantly.

Charles Mackay, LL. D., the well known author and journalist, died in London on Tuesday, aged 75. During the civil war in this country he resided in New York as correspondent of the London Times.

Private telegrams received at Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, from Montevideo confirm the reports of rioting and disorder in Brazil, and state that the situation of the present Brazilian government is critical.

A riot occurred yesterday at Jessup, Ga., during which two white men were killed, and two others seriously wounded, and several negroes are reported killed. Detachments of troops have been sent to the scene.

Washington detectives have pursued Dr. Beall, charged with violating the grave of Mrs. Cheek, into Montgomery county, Md. The doctor promised to give himself up to-day and declares his innocence of the charge.

About daylight Tuesday morning the store of John Cartright & Co., in Camden county, N. C. about forty miles from Norfolk, was totally destroyed by fire together with the contents and outhouse. The property was insured.

The remains of Henry Woodfin Grady were laid to rest in Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Ga., yesterday. There was no ostentation, or display, all was simplicity, but the funeral procession was the largest ever seen in Georgia.

While Milton O. Myers, a merchant of Keyesville, Carroll county, Md., was walking along the road yesterday he was attacked by a bull dog, who sprang on him tearing his abdomen so that his bowels protruded. Fears are that he will not recover.

David Edgar, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, while engaged with a number of others in making up a train at the corner of Third street and Virginia avenue, Washington, on Tuesday night, was struck by one of the cars and instantly killed.

Christmas day all over the country was characterized by exceedingly warm, pleasant weather. The day in New York was the warmest on record, and the heat eclipsed the highest temperature ever recorded in December since the establishment of the Signal Office.

At Augusta, Ga., yesterday, a party of

drunken negroes resisted arrest, disarmed the policemen and beat them badly with their clubs. A half a dozen negroes were subsequently arrested and locked up. During the melee one negro was killed and another badly wounded.

In a recent trial at Liverpool several men charged with boycotting were found guilty and sentenced to three months' imprisonment. The court decided that boycotting became a conspiracy when a number of persons combined to prevent persons from pursuing their occupations or interfering with the trade of individuals that were obnoxious.

The plans for the reorganization of the Cincinnati, Baltimore and Washington railroad have been completed, and a temporary directory has been agreed upon. The capital stock is to be \$5,000,000. The company will be known as the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern, with the initials "B. O. S." It will be operated as a division of the Baltimore and Ohio, which owns a controlling interest in the stock.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The Salem Improvement Company has declared a dividend of 80 per cent.

Miss Sarah Magill, a teacher in the Episcopal Female Institute, at Winchester, died Tuesday night.

Mr. Chas. B. Hancock, ex-sheriff and treasurer of Frederick county, died in Winchester a few days ago.

Mr. Virto, residing a few miles south of Leesburg, has a pure white squirrel with pink eyes. It is very pretty and quite tame.

A meeting of the taxpayers of the Leesburg district will be held in Leesburg, Wednesday next to consider the condition of the public roads in that district.

Andrew K. Patterson, a youth of North Danville, has been sent to the U. S. grand jury, charged with robbing the North Danville postoffice in October last.

Judge Paul, of the U. S. Court for the Western District, has dismissed from office twenty-four United States district commissioners, their services not being needed.

Dr. Geo. W. Harris died Tuesday afternoon in the 87th year of his age. He was a native of Gloucester county but had been for many years the vaccine agent for Richmond.

In Nansemond and Princess Anne and Norfolk counties fox hunts took place yesterday, in which a great many ladies joined, and was followed by the usual empty Christmas spreads.

Dr. E. W. Teyman, of Madison county, and his wife, while on their way to Orange C. H. last Monday were thrown from a buggy and the Doctor seriously hurt. His wife escaped with a few bruises.

Sidney H. Davis, a brakeman on the Newport News division of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon. He was attempting to uncouple two flat cars at Kelson Station, when he fell between them and was crushed.

In a row in Portsmouth yesterday morning, resulting from a drunken spree, Lun Shelton was shot through the right breast with a revolver by a negro named Zic Riddick and is fatally injured. Riddick made his escape by taking to the woods.

Willie Jones, of Louisa county, a brakeman on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad, had his left hand badly mangled Tuesday night at Quantico while coupling cars. The index finger had to be amputated. His other fingers are also horribly crushed and it is thought amputation will be necessary.

The Basic City Land and Improvement Company proposes to build a city at the junction of the Shenandoah Valley railroad with the Chesapeake and Ohio, near Waynesboro. The capital stock is \$1,000,000 in shares of \$100 each. The basis of the proposed city is the marvelous deposits of specular and brown hematite iron ores immediately adjacent to the site.

When the Washington and Louisville express arrived at Staunton on Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock, R. J. Grimes, a colored man from Spotsylvania county got off to get a bottle of whisky. When he returned the train was in motion, and in attempting to get aboard he fell, and the entire train passed over him, cutting him in two and scattering his body along the track.

DUG HIS OWN GRAVE—Something unique in mortuary matters occurred recently in McAlmont township, Pa. Solomon Himes, an old citizen, who spent most of his time in the woods with dog and gun, became alarmed about two weeks ago, on account of the prevalence of typhoid fever. One of his old neighbors, accustomed to his disease, and old Himes made up his mind his time would come next. He accordingly took a mattock and shovel, selected a spot on his farm which he thought suitable for his final resting place, and proceeded to dig his grave both wide and deep. After this he talked in a nonchalant manner about his obituary, saying in his drawing way he really would have preferred to live a little longer, because, as he expressed it, "a man has such a good deal long time to be dead." As Himes was an exceedingly robust man, his neighbors laughed at his eccentricities and whispered around that "Sol Himes was getting a little out of his head." But in the course of a week Himes was down with typhoid fever, and when the doctor came he said: "There ain't no use in running up a doctor bill when a man knows he's going to die," and not a morsel of medicine would he permit to pass his lips. In a few days more he was dead, and his body now rests in the grave he prepared.

MOTHER ATE BABY—The baby leopard which has been the joy and the pride of the keepers at the Zoological Garden in Philadelphia, since its entry into the world, about six weeks ago, was missing from its cage yesterday morning and could be found nowhere. Its mother presented an unusually plump appearance, and the keepers were not long in ascertaining that she had made a meal of her offspring during the night. She seemed none the worse for it, but her unnatural act caused great disappointment to the keepers, as great hopes had been entertained that the baby leopard, which had lived longer than any others yet born in the Garden, would grow to maturity, as it seemed to be doing well.

A dispatch from Blue Ridge Springs says that on Tuesday the horses attached to the carriage of Mr. Cadwalader became frightened and dashed off at a rapid speed. Mr. Cadwalader sprang to the ground and seized one of the wheels in order to save his wife, resulting in breaking both his arms. The carriage ran a short distance, when Mr. Cadwalader threw out with great force, breaking her arm and shoulder bone, and so injuring her head that her recovery is supposed to be impossible.

The Southern Ute Indians are unanimously in favor of their removal to Utah. They have resolved to ask the Indian Department for permission to send a delegation of Indians to Washington to urge the removal.

[COMMUNICATED.] We people of the South deeply sympathize with the family and relatives of the late Mr. H. W. Grady; but, to say with a reporter of the Washington Post, that there was more feeling manifested than over the death of the late Jefferson Davis, could be considered in no other manner than as a reflection upon the spiritual injunction about uttering one's whole mind.

P. T. Barnum thinks that he has got the nineteenth century boom in Jumbo, but he must not forget the great excitement caused by the sale of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Madame in Search of a Turkey.

A STORY OF CHRISTMAS EVE.

Just eighty years ago Hannah More gave us the adventures of Coelebs in search of a wife, and more than half a century has elapsed since Captain Maryatt painted that finest of his characters, Japhet in his search for a father; the closing days of the ninth decade of the glorious nineteenth century have given us a story, which if inferior in interest and appealing to the sensibilities of fewer people, has at least the superior merit of being strictly true and of resembling closely the experience of many an Alexandria housewife. The "unities" would not be difficult to preserve in a drama, for the whole action took place within three hours and there were but two places for it, Alexandria and Washington. But, to the story. Paterfamilias had invited his whole family connection to partake of Christmas cheer. Four generations of the family were to be represented and he was of course, anxious to have everything right. He came into dinner on Tuesday and asked whether all things were ready. Madame replied that they were; that the milk and eggs had been procured for the egg nog; that the egg nog barrel was full; the cake had been baked, and all things were undoubtedly ready. "How about the turkeys?" queried paterfamilias. "I heard down street just now that they had advanced five cents a pound this morning." "Oh! they're all right," responded Madame. "Mr. — promised to have them ready; I engaged them last Thursday." "Well, you'd better send for them at once," was the anxious reply, "for he may not have been able to comply with his promise. I've heard that the country people have killed but few, fearing to lose by them this warm, murky weather." Then the servant was despatched post haste, to get the turkeys, and a little of a certain fluid indispensable to the making of the Christmas exultation, the purchase of which paterfamilias had reserved to himself. He soon returned with the latter, but brought the fearful intelligence that Mr. — was unable to comply with his contract, for the former as there had been but forty turkeys brought to town and one dealer had "gobbed" them all up and sold them at high prices. Here was "a jolly go," as our English friends say, and consternation seized that dinner table. It was declared, upon all sides, that an orthodox Christmas dinner without turkey was impossible, and as the family is decidedly orthodox, no such heresy as the substitution of any other dish, fish or fowl, was for a moment to be thought of. "Why," cried paterfamilias, "I've eaten sixty Christmas dinners and never once without turkey, and I'm not going to do so now, if a turkey can be had for love or money."

The servant, who had been quickly despatched to Naylor's Hill, to intercept supplies from the Hunting Creek road, now once more returned, with the dismal intelligence that no relief was to be looked for in that quarter, and after a hasty council of the household, Madame, armed with a ten dollar note and tickets for boms and cars, started out in search of a turkey, with more resolute determination than even Coelebs in search of a wife or Japhet in search of a father. She sailed rapidly down Prince street and as she neared the GAZETTE office, saw, to her no small delight, a countryman with turkeys in a wagon. Hurrying on after him she overtook him near a grocery, only to learn that they were sold to the grocer, but, interviewing the latter, she was able to accomplish half her errand, by securing one. That, however, was far from enough, so down towards the wharf she bled. There she utterly failed to supply herself and was, in addition, informed that if she went to Washington though she might succeed in procuring a turkey, it would be suitable for the Vanderbilts and Ansons than for the depleted pockets of an Alexandrian on Christmas Eve. Thus discouraged, she trudged to the Express office, to be informed that none had been received there. Next the W. & O. depot was visited and the tireless Madame made her way there only to learn that no more freight would come until Thursday. Some kind friend suggested another visit to the wharf, and that was paid fruitlessly; then the market was visited and sundry melancholy bodies of Thanksgiving birds inspected; but not even a turkey famine could lead to their purchase, and then the stores in that vicinity were searched in vain. None were even expected. To the wharf again, but still the same cry, "No turkey to be had here, and famine prices in Washington." Nothing daunted, Madame at last took the ferry boat, armed with a letter to a dealer on Louisiana avenue, and as "the shades of night were falling fast" she sought at her dear friend's a hack with the Alexandria key and one procured in Washington for love and money, to find that Mr. — had secured and sent down his promised contribution to the feast, and that her pluck and perseverance had secured four turkeys, while the tables of many of her neighbors had neither a breast nor a wing.

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Its Wonderful Effect on the Liver, Stomach, Bowels, Kidneys and Blood.

Dr. Mozley's Lemon Elixir is a pleasant lemon drink that positively cures all Biliousness, Constipation, Indigestion, Headache, Malaria, Kidney Diseases, Rheumatism, Gravel, Loss of Appetite, Fevers, Chills, Bloating, Pimples, Pain in Back, Palpitation of Heart, and all other diseases caused by disordered liver, stomach and kidneys, the first great cause of all fatal diseases. Fifty cents and one dollar per bottle. Sold by druggists. Prepared only by H. Mozley, M.D., Atlanta, Ga.

Lemon Hot Drops.

For coughs and colds, take Lemon Hot Drops. For sore throat and bronchitis, take Lemon Hot Drops.

For pneumonia and laryngitis, take Lemon Hot Drops.

For consumption and catarrh, take Lemon Hot Drops.

For all throat and lung diseases, take Lemon Hot Drops.

An elegant and reliable preparation.

Sold by druggists, 25 cents per bottle. Prepared by H. Mozley, M.D., Atlanta, Ga.

Is Consumption Curable?

Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: "Was down with Abscess of Lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced me an incurable Consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, am now on my third bottle, and able to oversee the work on my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made." Jesse M. Aldwart, Decatur, Ohio, says: "Had it not been for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption I would have died of Lung Troubles. Was given up by doctors. Am now in best of health."

CHARLOTTESVILLE AND RAPIDAN RAILROAD COMPANY. Alexandria, Va., December 13th, 1899.

To the holders of the Charlottesville and Rapidan Railroad Bonds: The following bonds, drawn for redemption by lot, in accordance with the terms of mortgage, will be paid at the office of the Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit and Insurance Company, Philadelphia, with accrued interest, on January 1, 1899:

47, 113, 163, for \$1,000 each.
329, 346, 369, 393, 455, 456, 509, 539, 581, 689, for \$500 each.
825, for \$100.

Interest to cease after that date.

JOHN W. BURKE, Trustee C. & R. R. Co.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA TURNPIKE COMPANY is called for MONDAY, January 6, 1899, at 12 o'clock m., at the office of the company, corner Cameron and Fayette streets, Alexandria, Va. Election for five Directors and a Clerk & Treasurer same day and place.

dec16:23:30 ALBERT HEWSON, Clerk.



ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

All Quiet in Jessup.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 26.—Advices received from Jessup at midnight say the situation is somewhat quieter, but an occasional shot is heard. The streets are still patrolled by armed men, who are present to the number of 240. A negro was found dead in an alley a few moments ago and two others of the wounded are reported to be dying. Fear is now entertained for the safety of the people remaining in the neighboring towns, but as all the negroes and whites seem to be congregating here very little danger need be apprehended.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A Savannah, Ga., special says: Twenty negroes were killed in the riot at Jessup yesterday before darkness came on. There is intense excitement over the killing of deputy marshal Matthew Barnhill and lumberman W. H. Woods. Marshal Leggett and station agent Woods, who were badly wounded, will recover. The negroes were well supplied with Winchester and revolvers and made a sortie from one side of the swamp. They stood their ground for a very short time, but several were shot down in the scramble for shelter on their retreat.

A Revolting Crime.

LUDDLOW, Mass., Dec. 26.—This morning, John Bassette, a mill hand, killed his wife and attempted suicide. Bassette was insanely jealous of his wife and had frequently threatened her life. He bought a revolver a few weeks ago and set her Sunday bonnet upon a pole as a target, shooting it to pieces and closing his performance with the remark that he wished her head was in it. Early this morning the body of Mrs. Bassette was found in her room, the right side of her head crushed in and bloody and brains oozing from the nose, ears and mouth. An axe was found in the cellar stained with blood. The murderer surrendered himself and admitted his guilt.

A Shocking Tragedy.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—Agnes Anson, the second victim of the frenzy of Caspar Clispy, died last night. Clispy, a young mechanic of a mean, revengeful disposition, had been paying attention to Mary Anson, and fancied himself an accepted suitor. Rumors affecting Clispy's character reaching the ears of John Anson, the girl's father, he denied Clispy the house. On Dec. 7 he entered the basement where the family were at breakfast, killed John Anson, shot Mary, his sweetheart, and Agnes, the latter's wound proving fatal last night. He then put three bullets into his own brain, dying on the spot. Agnes Anson was a lovely girl of 17.

Tariff Hearing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The first of the series of tariff hearings mapped out by the House Committee on Ways and Means was held this morning, gentlemen interested in metals, ores and coal being permitted to give their views. George H. Ely, president of the Western Iron Ore Association, which was organized eight years ago, spoke in favor of the retention of duty on iron ore. The duty of 75 cents a ton had been beneficial, it had been said, it had permeated the iron and steel interests of the United States in a remarkable degree. As an instance of this beneficent effect he cited the production of it.

Sad Ending of Festivities.

BOURBON, Ill., Dec. 26.—Tuesday night, Samuel Beardsley, while enacting the part of Santa Claus at a Christmas festival, was dressed in a costume composed largely of raw cotton and other inflammable material. The cotton accidentally caught fire and Beardsley was burned from head to foot in a shocking manner. A number of women and children were seriously hurt by being knocked down and trampled upon during the panic that ensued.

Stabbed.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Dec. 26.—Clarence Mart, a Moline, Ill., painter, plunged a knife into William Chatterton, leading man of a traveling dramatic company yesterday, and the doctors say the victim cannot recover. Mart with some other men had been quarrelling, when Chatterton went over to quiet the crowd. He was acting as peacemaker when Mart drew a knife and stabbed him twice.

War on the Salvationists.

BERNE, Dec. 26.—Despite the orders issued by the government prohibiting the holding of meetings by the Salvation Army in Switzerland, members of that organization continue to hold open-air meetings in Geneva. The authorities have decided to adopt vigorous measures to suppress the gatherings of the Salvationists.

Distillery Seized.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—The commissioner of Internal revenue was to-day informed by telegraph of the seizure of the Fresno Wine Distillery near Fresno, Cal., for alleged fraudulent distilling. No particulars were given.

University Closed.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—The university at Olesha has been closed, owing to the discovery of the fact that a number of the students were nihilists and were actively engaged in spreading their propaganda.

A Denial.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Gen. Boulanger denies the reports that he has been engaged to deliver a course of lectures in the United States. He says he never thought of going on a lecturing tour in that country.

Dead.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—Herr Voulwens, vice president of the Bavarian Chamber of Representatives, is dead.

Mashed strawberry ribbons sell at one dollar a yard, but you can get a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for only twenty five cents.

Asphyxiated. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Two old ladies living by themselves were found this morning asphyxiated by coal gas. One is dead and the other will die.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 26.—Two young men from Bangor, Pa., were found dead in a room at the Pacific Hotel here this morning. They had blown out the gas before retiring and were asphyxiated.

From Brazil.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The steamship Sirius, which left Rio Janeiro December 4, and arrived here to-day, reports that quietness reigned in the city, but that a riot had taken place in the Rio Grande district, although no particulars could be learned up to the time of sailing.

Died of His Wounds.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 26.—John — who was shot in the abdomen yesterday morning, died to-day at the City Hospital. Charles Yates, who is charged with doing the shooting, is held for the action of the coroner's inquest.

Telegraphic Brevities.

The Chicago postoffice is being mysteriously robbed of money in the retail stamp department.

The People's Line street railway barns at Syracuse, N. Y., were blown down yesterday and several persons killed.

The National winery near Los Angeles, Cal., was destroyed yesterday with \$100,000 worth of wine by the breaking of the levee on the Los Angeles river.

Miss Sarah F. Nichols, a well known society lady of Lowell, Mass., disappeared last night. In her room was a note saying "Forgive and forget." The affair is involved in mystery.

Dispatches from Rio in cipher to Lisbon newspapers state that the revolt of the monarchists against the provisional republican government is more serious than the latter will let be known. It took two days' fighting before the forces of the provisional government were able to disperse the monarchists.